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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Fresno – \$7M in Synthetic Heroin Seized by Authorities

(U) Undercover officers in Central California say they made a drug bust valued at nearly \$7 million on the streets, seizing just a few pounds of a synthetic heroin. A Fresno County Sheriff's spokesman said officers seized 4.4 pounds of the drugs. The undercover officers arrested a man who agreed to make the delivery from Los Angeles. Officers made the traffic stop on Highway 99 just outside Fresno. They found two packages stashed in a secret compartment containing a mixture that included fentanyl. Investigators say that a small amount of the drugs can be cut 100 times, giving the cache a street value of \$6.8 million.

SOURCE: 19 May 2017, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Hawaii – Fighter Jets Scrambled to Escort Passenger Flight

(U) Honolulu – A pair of Hawaii Air National Guard fighter jets were sent to escort an American Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu on Friday after a disturbance was reported on the flight. The flight landed safely and was met by law enforcement on the tarmac when it landed. A suspect was arrested on the scene after the flight landed. The suspect, according to the TSA, loitered near the flight's restroom while carrying a laptop. He refused to comply when a flight attendant asked him to return to his seat, and then seemed to lunge at the cockpit door. Several passengers subdued him, and he was arrested on the ground by the FBI. Officials did not release additional details about the man's possible motives, but they are continuing to investigate the incident.

SOURCE: 19 May 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) US Virgin Islands – Coast Guard Offloads \$1.2 Million Worth of Marijuana Seized in Caribbean

(U) St. Croix – The United States Coast Guard seized 573 pounds of marijuana, worth \$1.2 million. On Friday, the Coast Guard said that the drugs offloaded in the US Virgin Islands follows a recent at sea interdiction off the French Caribbean island of Martinique. Seven suspected smugglers, all Venezuelan nationals, have been turned over to the US Department of Justice for potential prosecution by the US Attorney's Office for the District of the Virgin Islands.

SOURCE: 20 May 2017, [Nation News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Researchers Find Way to Unlock WannaCry Without Ransom

(U) Paris – Researchers said on Friday they had found a last-chance way for technicians to save Windows files encrypted by WannaCry, racing against a deadline as the ransomware threatens to start locking up victims' computers first infected a week ago. WannaCry, which started to sweep round the globe last Friday and has infected more than 300,000 computers in 150 nations, threatens to lock out victims who have not paid a sum of \$300 to \$600 within one week of infection. The researchers cautioned that their solution only works in certain conditions, namely if computers had not been rebooted since becoming

infected and if victims applied the fix before WannaCry carried out its threat to lock their files permanently.

SOURCE: 19 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Thailand – Police Say Bomb at Hospital Wounded More Than 20 People

(U) Bangkok – A bomb exploded at an army-run hospital in Bangkok today, the third anniversary of a military coup, and authorities said more than 20 people were wounded. Investigators found remnants of batteries and wires at the scene of the blast on the ground floor of Phramongkutklao Hospital, said Thailand's deputy national police chief. It was not immediately clear who was behind the explosion or if it was linked to the anniversary of the 2014 military coup that overthrew a democratically elected government. But the army chief said it appeared that today's explosion and two earlier blasts in recent weeks used similar explosive materials and were likely part of an attempt to disrupt the government.

SOURCE: 21 May 2017, [AP News](#)

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